

would be inadequate in their current budget to absorb that.

SENATOR PAPPAS: These funds are basically to supplement the Attorney General or allow the Attorney General to hire the expert witnesses or outside legal counsel.

SENATOR WARNER: Plus, plus outside counsel which are, you know, attorneys which have a background of expertise in water law.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Okay, one more. Do you...the lawsuit that we have with South Dakota, a joint lawsuit, I think with Iowa and another state, is that still in the courts?

SENATOR WARNER: I...we have not appropriated any money in recent years. I am not sure what the status of that is. It seems to me...

SENATOR PAPPAS: Okay, I will try to find out.

SENATOR WARNER: ...it was kind of pulled back. It seems to me South Dakota pulled back.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Will Senator Warner yield to a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Senator Warner, I thought...did you tell Senator Pappas that a portion of these funds...or a portion of these funds are to hire outside legal counsel?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: And the remainder is for expert witnesses.

SENATOR WARNER: Court costs...any costs...the costs associated with the lawsuit, right.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Doesn't the Attorney General have anybody on staff that can deal with these rather than going outside?

SENATOR WARNER: It is not unusual practice, Senator Chizek, for some of these special...specialty type cases that additional